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1) IN CASE OF NON-USG AFFILIATED AMERICAN CITIZENS IT IS OF COURSE MATTER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL'S DECISION WHETHER TO REMAIN IN ERITREA UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. ASSUME THEY ARE AWARE OF DEPARTURE CONGEN AND CISCO DEPENDENTS AND REASONS THEREFOR. ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE LESS DANGER THAT PRIVATE AMERICANS WOULD BE DELIBERATELY TARGETTED BY INSURGENTS, THERE DOES EXIST SOME DANGER THAT THEY COULD BECOME VICTIMS OF PREMEDITATED INCIDENT AS WELL AS DANGER OF COMING TO GRIEF ACCIDENTALLY IN THIS EMBATTLED PROVINCE.

2) UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROVIDED EMBASSY CONCURS WE SUGGEST PRIVATE AMERICANS BE SPECIFICALLY INFORMED THAT
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EMBASSY CONSIDERS ERITREA DANGEROUS LOCALITY FOR AMERICANS,

PARTICULARLY IF UNPROTECTED, AND THEREFORE RECOMMENDS
THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT NEED TO REMAIN IN ERITREA AS WELL AS
ALL DEPENDENTS SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER LEAVING THE AREA.
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